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This thesis is a case study of the budgetary allocation of the local administration, in this study, it is the Provincial Administration of Phichit. The conclusion from this study is an illustration of the budgetary allocation process of that province. For this reason, the purpose of the study is just to be a guide-line for other studies.

The study reveals that, in budgetary allocation process of Phichit province, it is too difficult for the administration to apply the economic theory of allocation because of an inconsistency among all parties concerned. The budgetary allocation of Phichit Province puts emphasis on the solution being acceptable to all parties, in order that the budget can be shaped and spent in time. The strategies of allocation which the administrators of Phichit Province use, are a bargain and compromise as well as acceptable rules or agreements which are based on the balance of the budgetary allocation. At the same time, the administrators have some tactics for seeking supports from the legislator to rest assured that the draft of budget will be approved by the provincial council.

In conclusion, the budgetary allocation of the Provincial Administration of Phichit is conducted with emphasis more on political rules than the rational economic theory.